

VISA FEES

Exchange of notes at Paris January 12 and 14, 1938

Entered into force January 15, 1938

Replaced January 1, 1947, by agreement of November 20 and December 10, 1946¹

52 Stat. 1513; Executive Agreement Series 125

The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Paris, France, January 12, 1938

No. 836

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to confirm to Your Excellency in the following terms the tentative agreement reached as a result of informal discussions between the competent bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and this Embassy for a reciprocal increase of the tariff for passport visas charged by the Governments of France and the United States:

(a)—Passport visas issued to American citizens by French Consuls will be valid for two years, unless the passport is valid for a lesser period, in which case the visa will be valid only during the period of validity of the passport. The visa will give the right to enter France as often as the holder may wish during its validity. The fee will be seventy-five francs.

(b)—The fee for a non-immigrant passport visa valid for any number of entries into the United States by a bearer of a French passport during a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the visa shall be two dollars and seventy-five cents United States currency, or approximate equivalent in francs; provided the passport remains valid during that period and that the non-immigrant status of the bearer of the passport is maintained. The passport visa applied for will be granted and the length of sojourn determined in accordance with existing regulations.

A second visa, subject to the same conditions, and provided the passport remains valid, will be issued gratis if applied for by the date of expiration of the original visa or within one year thereafter, provided that the validity

¹ TIAS 1608, *post*, p. 1193.

of such visa shall not exceed one year nor extend beyond two years from the date on which the original visa was issued.

(c)—The fee for transit visas issued to American citizens by French Consuls, to be valid fifteen days, will be ten francs.

(d)—The fee for transit visas to be granted to bearers of French passports by American Consuls will be fifty cents United States currency, or approximate equivalent in francs.

(e)—No visa fees shall be collected from American or French members of delegations representing war veterans organizations temporarily visiting the United States or France.

(f)—The aforementioned agreement shall become effective January 15, 1938.

My Government has authorized me to accept, on its behalf, the provisions of the aforementioned agreement and to signify that it will take the steps necessary to give effect to the agreement as of January 15, 1938, upon being advised that Your Excellency's Government is disposed to give like effect to the understanding as of the date mentioned.

I avail myself of this occasion of renewing to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

WILLIAM C. BULLITT

His Excellency
Monsieur YVON DELBOS,
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Paris

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

FRENCH REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Office of Assistant Director of Chancelleries
and of the Office of Administrative Claims
1st Bureau

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PARIS, *January 14, 1938*

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 12, 1938, in regard to the reciprocal increase of the tariff for passport visas applicable between our two countries, wherein it is stated that:

[For terms of agreement, see U.S. note, above.]

I am pleased to notify you of the agreement of the French Government to the terms of the aforementioned arrangement and I am giving the instructions necessary to its entry into force as of January 15, 1938.

Please accept, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my very high consideration.

For the Minister of Foreign Affairs
by delegation
The Ambassador of France
Secretary General
ALEXIS LEGER

His Excellency

Mr. WILLIAM C. BULLITT,
Ambassador of the United States of America,
Paris